



PIKES PEAK  
REGIONAL HISTORY  
— SYMPOSIUM —

## RESILIENCE, RESISTANCE, & RESTORATION

### PART I

**SAT., JUN 11 | 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

**EAST LIBRARY**

#### SCHEDULE

**9:30 A.M. | DOORS OPEN**

**10 - 10:10 A.M. | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**10:10 - 11:15 A.M. | PRESENTATIONS (3)**

Each presentation is scheduled for 20 minutes

**11:15 - 11:45 A.M. | COFFEE BREAK**

(Coffee and refreshments provided)

**11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. | PRESENTATIONS (2)**

Each presentation is scheduled for 20 minutes

**12:30 - 1 P.M. | QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

*Barry Binder: Heathen Chinees: China Jim, Dr. Chung Sing, and the Chinese Question in Colorado's Press (1869-1915)*

For most Coloradoans, the press was the dominant, and often sole source of information on and about Chinese migrants at the turn of the 20th century -- the "celestial" others depicted in black ink by white journalists. Relying on hundreds of newspaper articles from the period, this talk examines the lives and experiences of two Chinese migrants in the Pikes Peak region: China Jim, an entrepreneur in Colorado Springs, and Dr. Chung Sing, a practitioner of traditional Chinese medicine in Pueblo. Further, this talk challenges much of the existing historiography and the prevailing narrative of Chinese migrants in the American West as voiceless victims silently acquiescent to discriminatory actions aimed at limiting their success.

*Julie Haverluk : Silver Fox Farming in El Paso County, 1920-1950: The Rise and Fall of an Industry*

The name of Fox Run Regional Park is one of the last vestiges of an industry that once thrived in the region from the 1920s to 1950s but has left few traces. The rapid rise and dramatic decline of silver fox farming brought surprising prosperity to struggling ranchers and hardy investors for several decades before national and international market forces and cultural change led to its abrupt decline.

*Milly Mollica: Dominic Mollica: A Remarkable Man and Legacy*

This talk will explain how Dominic Mollica's legacy lives on in the Colorado Springs community. It will summarize Dominic Mollica's life, providing context about the kind of man Mollica was and how Colorado Springs provided him with opportunities to leave a respectful legacy. It will also examine the value he added to the Air Academy District 20 community and analyze the accomplishments and awards Mollica received. This presentation blends family history with community history.

*Eric Metzger: A Decision at Stones River: Henry McAllister's Loyalty to Palmer and to the Union Cause Amidst the Civil War*

Early in the Civil War, Colonel Palmer, Commander of the 15th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, was captured by Confederate troops and imprisoned. The loss of their commander sent the 15th into a general state of chaos and confusion that came to a head outside of Nashville, Tennessee as they were preparing to go into battle at Stones River. In the days prior to the battle at Stones River, the men of the 15th were each making an important decision in their military lives, to participate in the battle at Stones River or lay down their arms and refuse a direct order to march into battle. Henry McAllister, at the time a 1st Sergeant of Company L, also made a decision that day, to remain loyal to the Union cause and march into battle. McAllister was wounded in battle and survived. Two months later Palmer was released from captivity and rejoined his men in Nashville, where he quickly promoted McAllister to 1st Lieutenant. The two would remain close for the rest of their lives, eventually partnering to build a railroad and a town in Colorado.

*Eric Swab: Rocky Mountain Reforestation*

Faced with the need to reforest over-harvested national forests, the U. S. Forest Service began a tree nursery in the region. They first attempted growing trees at three sites on Pikes Peak. All three failed, but a site near the town of Monument successfully produced 72,000,000 trees during its 58-year history.







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#### PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Barry Binder is a lecturer in the Department of History at UCCS. His most recent research projects have centered on the transmission and evolution of ideas and identity through migration. These projects have included a study of Scottish architects in Colorado Springs at the turn of the 20th century, an analysis of Chinese migrants in Colorado's press in the late 19th century, and a historical examination of Mexican migrant laborers through oral histories. Barry is an active contributor to public history, having presented his research locally, contributing to the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum's COS@150 exhibit, and serving as a Commissioner on the Historic Preservation Board of Colorado Springs.

Julie Haverluk is a French teacher and geologist with an interest in local history. An educator and translator at Academy International Elementary School, the French Immersion School in D-20, for 13 years, Julie's prior work includes serving as a geologist and tour guide at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry for almost 10 years. She has been leading field trips, presenting "Rock Talks" and acting as the local "mountain man" for elementary students for many years to encourage their interest in and love of the sciences. Julie has a B.A. in Geology from Williams College and a M.S. in Geology from University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz.

Milly Mollica is a student at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Milly is double majoring in Political Science and History and upon graduating plans to work for a grassroots organization and start a political career. Milly was born and raised in Colorado Springs. She has been lucky enough to call Colorado her home for her whole life and she is eager to continue her adult life in her home. Milly attended Stratton Elementary School, Eagleview Middle School, and Air Academy High School. While in college, she found a passion for research and Colorado history.

Eric Metzger grew up in Littleton, Colo. and has spent much of his life along the Front Range preserving and interpreting cultural resources in both non-profit and for-profit organizations. He holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a master's degree in museum administration from Harvard University. Before joining the McAllister House Museum as Executive Director, Eric was the Director of Education and Museum Services at the Metropolitan Waterworks Museum in Boston, Mass.

Eric Swab was born a long time ago. He pursued a couple of degrees and five careers, none of which had anything to do with history. His passion is figuring out what was going on at the cabin ruins, mine shafts, abandoned utility lines, water diversion projects, abandoned trails, and homesteads he discovered while wandering on Pikes Peak. He has mounted four exhibits of historic activities for local museums and delivered many talks on Pikes Peak history. He has written books on Fred Barr, the Manitou Incline, and his latest, *The Granite Attraction: Stories of the Pikes Peak Highway and Summit*.

